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For: CORRUGATED PLASTIC PIPE SECTIONS HAVING FLANGED ENDS  
AND  
STRUCTURALLY TIGHT JOINTS THEREOF

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

**A PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL HAS BEEN GRANTED IN THE PARENT APPLICATION.**

***I. Introductory Comments***

To the Honorable Commissioner:

This is a preliminary amendment in this Application filed concurrently herewith. Applicant requests entry of the following amendment and examination and allowance of the application.